leases under certain circumstances; authorizing the terms of loans that are set by the Department of Housing and Community Development under the Program to include certain deferred payments; exempting loans made under this Act from certain income limits; requiring an applicant for a loan under this Act to meet certain qualifications; authorizing the Department to set a maximum amount for a loan under this Act; and generally relating to preferred interest rate loans for the redemption of ground leases.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments, Article – Housing and Community Development Section 4–804, 4–806(c), and 4–807(d) Annotated Code of Maryland (2006 Volume)

BY adding to

Article – Housing and Community Development Section 4–810(d) and 4–815(f)(4) Annotated Code of Maryland (2006 Volume)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

## Article - Housing and Community Development.

4-804.

The purposes of the Program are to make, participate in making, and purchase:

- (1) preferred interest rate loans to acquire, acquire and rehabilitate with or without demolition or lot consolidation, or refinance a primary residence by:
- (i) households of limited income that will occupy single-unit primary residences; or
- (ii) owner-occupants of residential buildings with not more than four units, if each unit other than the owner's will be occupied by a household of limited income:
- (2) short-term construction loans to developers or nonprofit sponsors to construct or rehabilitate dwelling units that households of limited income can afford;
- (3) short-term loans to nonprofit sponsors, as defined in Departmental regulations, to acquire and construct or acquire and rehabilitate, with or without